Farmington Community Chest Funding Priorities

Farmington Community Chest (FCC) funding priorities for the current fiscal year have been approved by the Board of Directors. These priorities are based on: history of funding requests, analysis of community needs and supplementation of the state and federal budget losses.

Mission Statement

Farmington Community Chest's mission is to support initiatives to provide basic human needs, coordinate educational opportunities and enhance community life for all residents of Farmington, by making funds available to support programs and projects that specifically address these priorities.

Priorities

- Basic Human Needs (50% of funding)
- Educational Programs (25% of funding)
- Community Life Enhancement (25% of funding)

Assessment of Priorities

Basic Human Needs – The provision of services and/or programs that meet the basic needs for survival such as: housing, clothing, food, utilities, and health care.

Education Opportunities – Programming that provides information and education on a variety of subjects; particularly those that enhance and enrich the community.

Community Enhancement – Funds that support community wide events, services and programs that benefit all residents.

Eligibility

We make grants to non-profit organizations only. We prefer that applicants have tax exempt status under Section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS Code or that are a qualified entity eligible to receive grants under the IRS code. We will consider funding a grassroots group, if it has a governing body and a fiscal agent with the appropriate tax status.

General Guidelines for Applicants

- Farmington Community Chest funds requests that benefit the Farmington and Unionville geographic area. Farmington Community Chest will fund programs outside of Farmington and Unionville provided that a significant portion of the program benefits Farmington and Unionville residents and organizations.

- Generally, Farmington Community Chest does not make grants for:
  - Annual funding of existing programs beyond initial 3 years of the program (unless approved by Farmington Community Chest for annual budgeting after such 3-year period)
  - Organization's Operating, Maintenance and Capital Expenses (e.g., furniture, air conditioner, heating costs). Restriction does not apply to such costs for an individual or for an organization if such expenses directly benefits individuals in need.
  - Previously incurred expenses
  - Annual and Endowment Campaigns
  - Legal Services
  - Political Activities
  - Religious Activities (excluding secular activities by religious organizations)
  - Farmington Public Schools programs (unless targeted for students in need)

- Farmington Community Chest reserves the right to adjust funds based on project needs and project viability. It is the organization's responsibility to apprise FCC if the project changes or ceases to exist.

- Projects with a realistic sustainability plan for continuation beyond the grant period are more likely to receive funding. The financial health of the applicant organization will also be considered.

- Generally, any organization that has previously been awarded a grant is not eligible to submit another proposal if funds remain unspent from the previous grant or if the Final Grant Report, which describes how the awarded funds were spent, has not been submitted to the Farmington Community Chest.

- Each organization is limited to one grant proposal for consideration during a grant cycle. If your application is selected for further review, you may be invited to make a short (up to 10 minute) presentation to our board of directors on your project or organization.

- If the proposal does not receive funding, it cannot be resubmitted for future consideration, except by invitation.

- If funded by Farmington Community Chest, applicant organizations agree to publicize our participation in their project and agree to our ability to publicize their grant in any of our communication outlets including news media, newsletters, social media, etc.

- Grant monies received **must** be returned if the project that is selected for funding is changed in scope without prior approval from FCC and, also if the project is terminated.